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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket Number

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231  
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Richard H. Hall and Theodore W. Selby, both of Midland, Michigan,  
for INERT GAS BLANKET FOR PROTECTION FROM OXIDATION.

Enclosed is the <sup>12-page</sup> written specification hereof to include at least one claim, plus:

- ☒ One (1) sheet(s) of drawing(s) as part of the specification hereof.  
☐ an assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Inventor(s)'s declaration, attached to the specification.  
☐ a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
☐ associate power of attorney and/or power of attorney SEPARATE from above declaration.  
☒ a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. (US/RHN & TWS).  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement/Citation.  
☒ Preliminary Amendment.

CLAIMS AS FILED

After any preliminary amendment entered ...

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BASIC FEE			\$790	\$790
TOTAL CLAIMS	22 - 20 =	* 2	x \$22	44
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 - 3 =	* 1	x \$82	82
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			\$ —	—

\* NUMBER EXTRA MUST BE ZERO OR LARGER

TOTAL

\$ 916

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SMALL ENTITY TOTAL

\$ 458

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